



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-662)

PATENT

In re Application of: Handfield et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/995,493 )  
Filed: November 28, 2001 )  
For: Identification of Actinobacillus )  
Actinomycetemcomitans Antigens )  
For Use in the Diagnosis, )  
Treatment, and Monitoring )  
of Periodontal Diseases )

Before the Examiner: P. Baskar

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants request a Four-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Restriction Requirement, mailed November 27, 2002. A check in the amount of \$725.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: April 25, 2003

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